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1. USREP MET WITH PRESIDENT COUNCIL BINAGHI FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS LOOKING TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF SPRING-SUMMER SESSIONS. USREP DELIBERATELY AVOIDED INITIATING THE SUBJECT OF SYG ELECTION. HE BROUGHT IT UP SAYING THE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MARCH 1 DEADLINE FOR FILING CANDIDATURES THE "LIST" WILL BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCIL NOT LATER THAN MARCH 4 (COUNCIL MINUTES 86/8 (CLOSED) LAST PARAGRAPH AND STATE LETTER A2/4.6 - 75/194). PRESIDENT INTENDS TO SCHEDULE ELECTION FOR APRIL 5 IN CASE THERE ARE "MANY CANDIDATES" AND NONE RECEIVES A MAJORITY.

2. USREP THEN ASKED PRESIDENT TO CONFIRM THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE OFFICIAL CANDIDATE TO DATE (BARKAH/INDONESIA). BINAGHI SAID THERE IS NOT REPEAT NOT YET AN OFFICIAL FILING FOR BARKAH. BARKAH TOLD PRESIDENT THAT A CABLE WAS SENT FROM JAKARTA TEN DAYS AGO SAYING INDONESIA WAS NOMINATING HIM AND LETTER FOLLOWING BUT BINAGHI HAS NOT RECEIVED IT. MEANWHILE BARKAH IS STAYING ON AS COUNCIL MEMBER "UNTIL MARCH 1 IN ORDER TO HANDLE MAJOR REVISION OF ANNEX 14." HIS REPLACEMENT, ALREADY IN RESIDENCE HAS BEEN

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DESIGNATED ALTERNATE UNTIL THEN. PRESIDENT THINKS THERE IS NO

DOUBT THAT BARKAH WILL BE NOMINATED.

3. PRESIDENT BINAGHI THEN EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY
"OF ONLY ONE CANDIDATE." USREP MENTIONED LAMBERT/FRANCE
OVERTURES. BINAGHI SAID "CUCCI SOUNDINGS" LIKELY WOULD
NOT LEAD TO LAMBERT FILING. USREP RE-ITERATED SOME STATES'
CONCERN RE POSSIBILITY OF FRENCH-SPEAKING PRESIDENT AND
FRENCH-SPEAKING SYG. BINAGHI NODDED AGREEMENT.

4. FYI. UKREP TOLD US CONFIDENTIALLY THAT KOTAITE BECOMING
DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT WHO HIS SYG WILL BE INDICATING THAT KOTAITE
IS NOW REALIZING "WHAT THE REST OF US KNEW ALL ALONG" THAT
PRESIDENT AND SYG OFFICES MUST BE TEAM AND PRESIDENT WILL NEED
ALL THE HELP HE CAN GET.
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